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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF FAA/IRAN NATIONAL AIRLINES
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. THE FAA PRESENTLY HAS A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH IRAN NATIONAL AIRLINES IN WHICH IT PROVIDES CERTAIN AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES (I.E., CONDUCTING TESTS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FAA PILOTS' LICENSES OR RATINGS).
2. DUE TO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, MANPOWER LIMITATIONS AND STATUTORY CONCERNS REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE, THE FAA HAS ELECTED TO TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TERMINATION PROVISIONS. THE FAA ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THIS MOA TERMINATION IS NOT AIMED AT ANY PARTICULAR AIRLINE NOR IS IT IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH BILATERAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS, FOR ALL SIMILIAR MOAS WITH OTHER AIRLINES ARE ALSO BEING TERMINATED.

3. THE FAA IS MAILING A LETTER TO IRAN NATIONAL AIRLINES INFORMING THEM OF ITS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1977. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

"REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION/ IRAN NATIONAL AIRLINES MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT NUMBERED NAT-I-130, UNDER WHICH FAA PROVIDES CERTIFICATION SERVICES ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

FAA HAS RECENTLY DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN CERTIFICATION SERVICES, UNDER CURRENT POLICIES, MAY BE PROVIDED WITHOUT CHARGE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FAA PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES. THEREFORE, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FAA AND IRAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COVERING THOSE SERVICES IS NO LONGER NECESSARY.

BECAUSE OF THIS DETERMINATION, WE ARE ELECTING TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT NAT-I-130. ARTICLE III OF THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR TERMINATION BY EITHER PARTY UPON THIRTY-DAY WRITTEN NOTICE.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LETTER AS FAA'S NOTICE OF TERMINATION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1977.

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HEADQUARTERS OFFICE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, AND WE SUGGEST THEY BE CONSULTED REGARDING FUTURE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS."

4. FYI. BECAUSE OF MANPOWER LIMITATIONS IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE FAA WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FREE CERTIFICATION SERVICES OVERSEAS EXCEPT WHEN SUCH SERVICES ARE IN SUPPORT OF U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, AS FAA HAS NO RESTRICTION AT PRESENT ON CERTIFICATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE US, ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES SEEKING FAA AIRMEN'S CERTIFICATES CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH REQUIRED WRITTEN AND/OR PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS AT AN FAA OFFICE IN THE U.S. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO ADVISE APPROPRIATE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF FAA'S IMPENDING MOA TERMINATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES. IN EVENT ANY INQUIRY ARISES REGARDING THIS MATTER THAT THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ANSWER BY DRAWING ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS CABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD FORWARD THE INQUIRY TO THE FAA THROUGH STATE CHANNELS FOR REPLY. VANCE

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